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OFFER OLD TIMERS FOR FRITZ MASEL

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WILL RETAIN PLAYER

By FRANKLIN G. LEE.

"My colleagues all took me for Santa Claus," said Capt. Huston, half owner of the Yankees, yesterday, on his return from Chicago, where he had attended the annual meeting of the American League. "They seemed to think I was a miser and I was plumb full of Christmas spirit, as they offered us all the old birds they could dig up for the season."

Three different offers for Masek, 35, a player who has been in the league since 1901. Cleveland also offered us its grand old man, Terry Turner. Terry is 35 and has been playing with Cleveland since 1904. Chicago at least was willing to give us a player of the present era. Their offer was Fred McManis. I may say to the credit of Capt. Huston that he did not offer Larry Riddle to us.

A Commendable Reform.

According to Huston the American League adjourned before it heard of the National League's recommendation that all players share in the world's series. "We cut down the price of admissions to the world's series, which seemed to be the most useful reform. The American League has set a standard which should be followed in the future, when it prohibits its own pennant winning clubs from charging more than double the regular rates. This was to be the price of admission for the Yankees, but they refused to do it. For instance, if the Yankees should get into the series next fall the best seat in the lower stand, exclusive of boxes, will be for sale at \$5.00."

Mitchell Is Optimistic.

Peacock Alley, the Mecca of baseball men, big and little, for the greater part of last week, had few baseball faces on exhibition yesterday. The majority of the birds had flown. The meeting had dragged through four days, most of the out-of-town managers lit out Friday night or yesterday morning so as to spend the Sabbath at home. Among the few left here were Charley Weismann of the Cubs and his new manager, Fred Mitchell. Mitchell, who for his home in Boston, the afternoon, after saying a few things about his new Cub, "I am not predicting anything or expecting to accomplish anything remarkable next season," said the former Yankee catcher. "But the Cubs are far from a bad team. They have got strength there, and if I can get the infield from out all right I think we will give a good account of ourselves."

EASY FOR MORRIS HIGH.

Brooklyn basketball team defeated Mamaroneck five, 33 to 16. Morris High School's basketball team played its first game of the season yesterday and defeated the Mamaroneck High five, 33 to 16. The contest was played at the Bronx Church House. It was the first time since last year that Morris presented a team on the courts. The fine offensive work of Silver and Knechtman's stellar defensive play were the first to attract attention. Morris' attack was the best of the clever betting and fielding he displayed in 1915, 1914 and 1913. Mitchell realizes his success and he knows that he has a great deal on these two players.

PATERSON OUT IN FRONT.

Paterson High School's basketball team inaugurated its season with a victory over the Belleville High team yesterday at the Belleville N. J. court yesterday. The game was interesting throughout. Belleville led in the first half, 12 to 21, but Johnson's shooting for Paterson in the second period, coupled with the fine work of O'Neil, spelled defeat for the home team. The lineup: Paterson (9): R. F. Bell (21), O'Neil (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10). Belleville (16): Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10), Johnson (10).

SPOTTS AGAIN HIGH GUN IN NEW YORK A. C. TRAP SHOOT

Life for Ralph L. Spotts is just one trap shooting victory after another. At the New York Athletic Club at Travers Island yesterday afternoon Spotts again demonstrated his superiority as a shooter by winning the scratch prize with 99 breaks out of 100 targets. The other competitors among the field of twenty-six were hampered by the gale, which made the birds fly about about in the air at all sorts of unusual angles. Frank R. Stephenson, like Spotts a former national amateur champion, was second with 88 breaks while H. J. Vandervort, one of the old timers from the Brooklyn Flatlands, came third with 84.

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PRINCETON PASSERS WIN OVER CORNELL

Tigers Take Opening Contest for League Title by 22 to 19.

WEST POINTERS BEATEN

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MILLER TO LEAD PENN ELEVEN NEXT SEASON

End Is Chosen Captain; Wray's Election Had Been Expected.

OREGON WILL GIVE PENN SEVERE TEST

Football Game at Pasadena Will Be Index to Strength on Coast.

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WESLEYAN TRIUMPHS

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HACKENSACK HIGH IN FRONT.

Hackensack High School's basketball team is in the lead in the Hackensack League. The team's success is due to their excellent performance in the various events. The team's captain, John Smith, is a key player in the team's success. The team's success is a testament to their hard work and dedication to the sport.

BIG GAMES FOR W. AND L. IN THE LIME LIGHT

General Will Meet Georgetown and Indiana in Football.

BASKETBALL NOW IS IN THE LIME LIGHT

Popular Indoor Sport Keeps Collegians Busy on Many Courts.

INVENTED BY NAISMITH

The game was invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith, a member of the Joint Committee on Basketball Rules, when he was an instructor at Y. M. C. A. Training School at Springfield. This accounts for the fact that it is by the Y. M. C. A. and its adoption in many foreign lands. No competitive sport—not even basketball—has followed the civil war—ever so rapidly in popular favor in its few years of life.

Rules Standardized.

In the game that it may be said that the rules governing its play have been recently become standardized. In fact, the 1915-1916 code was the first to form one adopted and it met with success. Previously it was a case of the half year rule, second half rule, and so on. The main object of the rule makers has been to eliminate roughness and undue tactics—the task of all sports, and the rule makers have been successful.

There are three interests represented in basketball—the colleges, the Y. M. C. A. and the Amateur Athletic Union.

On top of this there are a good many flourishing professional leagues over the country. These three interests have a joint committee on making the rules and now that they have been standardized the game is ready for development. Hitherto the schools entering college had played a game differing from the one taught at college. This has been a source of much trouble and has been a hindrance to the game's development.

Eastern Situation.

The outlook for the present season is particularly bright for another effort for the championship. Princeton has been again coached by Len Jourdain, a graduate who has been to fill three vacancies, as Captain M. Nichols, guard, and Jeffery, center, are the regulars back.

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O'LEARY LANDS BERTH.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Charles O'Leary of this city, a former big league, signed a contract today to manage the San Antonio club of the Texas League. O'Leary was recommended by Bill Donovan, manager of the New York Americans. O'Leary and Donovan were team mates on the Detroit champions of 1907, 1908 and 1909.

WALL GEORGETOWN CAPT.

Waller, Mass., to-night was selected captain of the Georgetown football team.

College Chess Players in Title Tourney This Week

John L. Lockwood, chairman of the intercollegiate chess committee representing Columbia, Yale, Harvard and Princeton, yesterday announced the dates for the twenty-fifth annual tournament to be held in this city on December 21, 22 and 23. The games will be played in the assembly room of the Princeton Club in this city, beginning at 2 o'clock next Thursday afternoon, with sessions of play from 2 to 6 P. M. and from 8 P. M. to midnight on the first two days and from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. and 2 to 4 P. M. on the third day. Louis H. H. will be director of play, with H. H. and Julius Pinn as referees.

Club Cocktails

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